

(h) JUDGES OF THE UNITED STATES COURT OF VETERANS APPEALS.—Section 8440d(b)(5) of title 5, United States Code, is amended by striking “A transfer shall be made as provided in section 8433(d) of this title” and inserting “Section 8433(b) of this title applies”.

(i) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Title 5, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in section 8351(b)(5)(B) (as so redesignated by subsection (a)(3) of this section) by striking “section 8433(i)” and inserting “section 8433(g)”;

(2) in section 8351(b)(5)(D) (as so redesignated by subsection (a)(3) of this section) by striking “section 8433(i)” and inserting “section 8433(g)”;

(3) in section 8433(b)(4) by striking “subsection (e)” and inserting “subsection (c)”;

(4) in section 8433(d)(1) (as so redesignated by subsection (b)(2) of this section) by striking “(d) of section 8435” and inserting “(c) of section 8435”;

(5) in section 8433(d)(2) (as so redesignated by subsection (b)(2) of this section) by striking “section 8435(d)” and inserting “section 8435(c)”;

(6) in section 8433(e) (as so redesignated by subsection (b)(2) of this section) by striking “section 8435(d)(2)” and inserting “section 8435(c)(2)”;

(7) in section 8433(g)(5) (as so redesignated by subsection (b)(2) of this section) by striking “section 8435(f)” and inserting “section 8435(e)”;

(8) in section 8434(b) by striking “section 8435(c)” and inserting “section 8435(b)”;

(9) in section 8435(a)(1)(B) by striking “subsection (c)” and inserting “subsection (b)”;

(10) in section 8435(d)(1)(B) (as so redesignated by subsection (d)(3) of this section) by striking “subsection (d)(2)” and inserting “subsection (c)(2)”;

(11) in section 8435(d)(3)(A) (as so redesignated by subsection (d)(3) of this section) by striking “subsection (c)(1)” and inserting “subsection (b)(1)”;

(12) in section 8435(d)(6) (as so redesignated by subsection (d)(3) of this section) by striking “or (c)(2)” and inserting “or (b)(2)”;

(13) in section 8435(e)(1)(A) (as so redesignated by subsection (d)(3) of this section) by striking “section 8433(i)” and inserting “section 8433(g)”;

(14) in section 8435(e)(2) (as so redesignated by subsection (d)(3) of this section) by striking “section 8433(i) of this title shall not be approved if approval would have the result described in subsection (d)(1)” and inserting “section 8433(g) of this title shall not be approved if approval would have the result described under subsection (c)(1)”;

(15) in section 8435(g) (as so redesignated by subsection (d)(3) of this section) by striking “section 8433(i)” and inserting “section 8433(g)”;

(16) in section 8437(c)(5) by striking “section 8433(i)” and inserting “section 8433(g)”;

(17) in section 8440a(b)(6) by striking “section 8351(b)(7)” and inserting “section 8351(b)(5)”.

(j) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall take effect 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act or on such earlier date as the Executive Director of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board shall provide in regulation.

SEC. 8. AMENDMENTS TO ALASKA RAILROAD TRANSFER ACT OF 1982 REGARDING FORMER FEDERAL EMPLOYEES.

(a) APPLICABILITY OF VOLUNTARY SEPARATION INCENTIVES TO CERTAIN FORMER FEDERAL EMPLOYEES.—Section 607(a) of the Alaska Railroad Transfer Act of 1982 (45 U.S.C. 1206(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(4)(A) The State-owned railroad shall be included in the definition of ‘agency’ for pur-

poses of section 3 (a), (b), (c), and (e) of the Federal Workforce Restructuring Act of 1994 and may elect to participate in the voluntary separation incentive program established under such Act. Any employee of the State-owned railroad who meets the qualifications as described under the first sentence of paragraph (1) shall be deemed an employee under such Act.

“(B) An employee who has received a voluntary separation incentive payment under this paragraph and accepts employment with the State-owned railroad within 5 years after the date of separation on which payment of the incentive is based shall be required to repay the entire amount of the incentive payment unless the head of the State-owned railroad determines that the individual involved possesses unique abilities and is the only qualified applicant available for the position.”.

(b) LIFE AND HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS.—Section 607 of the Alaska Railroad Transfer Act of 1982 (45 U.S.C. 1206) is amended by striking subsection (e) and inserting the following:

“(e)(1) Any person described under the provisions of paragraph (2) may elect life insurance coverage under chapter 87 of title 5, United States Code, and enroll in a health benefits plan under chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code, in accordance with the provisions of this subsection.

“(2) The provisions of paragraph (1) shall apply to any person who—

“(A) on the date of the enactment of the Federal Workforce Restructuring Act of 1994, is an employee of the State-owned railroad;

“(B) has 20 years or more of service (in the civil service as a Federal employee or as an employee of the State-owned railroad, combined) on the date of retirement from the State-owned railroad; and

“(C)(i) was covered under a life insurance policy pursuant to chapter 87 of title 5, United States Code, on January 4, 1985, for the purpose of electing life insurance coverage under the provisions of paragraph (1); or

“(ii) was enrolled in a health benefits plan pursuant to chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code, on January 4, 1985, for the purpose of enrolling in a health benefits plan under the provisions of paragraph (1).

“(3) For purposes of this section, any person described under the provisions of paragraph (2) shall be deemed to have been covered under a life insurance policy under chapter 87 of title 5, United States Code, and to have been enrolled in a health benefits plan under chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code, during the period beginning on January 5, 1985, through the date of retirement of any such person.

“(4) The provisions of paragraph (1) shall not apply to any person described under paragraph (2) until the date such person retires from the State-owned railroad.”.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. KLINK, recognized Mr. CLAY and Mr. MYERS, each for 20 minutes.

After debate,

The question being put, viva voce, Will the House suspend the rules and agree to said resolution?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. KLINK, announced that two-thirds of the Members present had voted in the affirmative.

So, two-thirds of the Members present having voted in favor thereof, the rules were suspended and said resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby the rules were suspended and said resolution was agreed to was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

Ordered. That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in said amendment.

¶19.8 MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—1994 TRADE POLICY

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. KLINK, laid before the House a message from the President, which was read as follows:

To the Congress of the United States:

As required by section 163 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (19 U.S.C. 2213), I transmit herewith the 1994 Trade Policy Agenda and 1993 Annual Report on the Trade Agreements Program.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *March 8, 1994.*

By unanimous consent, the message, together with the accompanying papers, was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

¶19.9 MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—CORPORATION FOR PUBLIC BROADCASTING

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. KLINK, laid before the House a message from the President, which was read as follows:

To the Congress of the United States:

As required by section 19(3) of Public Telecommunications Act of 1992 (Public Law 102-356), I transmit herewith the report of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *March 8, 1994.*

By unanimous consent, the message, together with the accompanying papers, was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

¶19.10 RECESS—12:43 P.M.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. KLINK, pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, declared the House in recess until 5:00 p.m.

¶19.11 AFTER RECESS—5:03 P.M.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. FIELDS of Louisiana, called the House to order.

¶19.12 UNFINISHED BUSINESS—APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. FIELDS of Louisiana, pursuant to clause 5, rule I, announced the unfinished business to be the question on agreeing to the Chair's approval of the Journal of Monday, March 7, 1994.

The question being put, viva voce,

Will the House agree to the Chair's approval of said Journal?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. FIELDS of Louisiana, announced that the yeas had it.

Mr. ALLARD objected to the vote on the ground that a quorum was not present and not voting.

A quorum not being present,

The roll was called under clause 4, rule XV, and the call was taken by electronic device.